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THOREAU WILDGARDEN

Native Plants and Green Herbs

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This price list announces the opening of a native plant nursery about three miles north of Concord Center, on the R. T. Howe farm. It is managed by Mrs. Mary Sherwood who had a native plant nursery in Connecticut for several years. Each season additional species will appear on the list until most of the desirable gardening wildflowers and ferns native to New England will be available to customers in the Boston area.

It is good conservation to establish new native plant stations by adding them to your yard, garden or woodland spots, and to replace those destroyed by bulldozers in new housing developments. Most native plants prefer shade, growing where cultivated plants fail. Most of the wildflowers blend well with ferns; use the larger ferns as background.

Visitors are welcome to the Thoreau Wildgarden, but it is primarily a native plant farm; there is no formal landscaping. In fact a wild, informal appearance will remain in keeping with Thoreau's simplicity. The general appearance will improve with time as more seedlings reach maturity.

BELLWORT, Small. Oakesia sessilifolia. Shade, any woodland soil; cream-yellow bell flowers; leaf stems expanding to 1 ft., forking to two stems. 35¢ each, 3 for \$1.00.

BLUETS. Houstonia caerulea. Small, white to blue flowers, April to July. Most soils if not too dry; open sun to partial shade. 25¢ per clump, 5 per \$1.00.

BONESET. Eupatorium perfoliatum. White, terminal flat-topped flower heads; tall, 2 to 5 ft., damp to wet spots in open sun but will tolerate some shade. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.

CHICKWEED, GIANT. Long-leaved Stitchwort. Stellaria longifolia. Starry white flowers, good to fill in bare spots in a flower border. Average garden soil, sun. 25¢ per clump.

CHINESE LANTERN. Physalis francheti. An interestingly cut leaf; orange to red lantern seed pods which can be dried for winter bouquets. Garden soil, sun. 40¢ each, 3 for \$1.10.

CLINTONIA. Bluebead. Clintonia borealis. Leaves heavy, 3-4, low attractive orchid-like plant, with a row of drooping yellow bell flowers up an 8-9 inch stalk. Rich to dampish woods, acid soil, partial shade. 50¢ each, 3 for \$1.10.

- CUCUMBER ROOT. Medeola virginiana. Single stem, two whorls of leaves, greenish leaves, greenish flowers, purple berries. Root edible. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.
- FORGET-ME-NOT. Myosotis laxa. Clusters of small, light-blue flowers, dense foliage. Damp to wet rich soil, partial shade but will stand sun if wet soil. 40¢ per clump, 3 for \$1.10.
- GILL-OVER-THE-GROUND. Nepeta hederacea. Light purple flowers, good ground cover in shade or sun where other plants won't become established. 35¢ clump, 3 for \$1.00.
- GOLDTHREAD. Coptis trifolia. Small plant, white flower, lustrous evergreen leaves, golden runner roots. Shady, damp, rich acid soil. Eventually forms ground cover. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.10.
- JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT. Arisaema triphyllum. Hooded flower, green with brown-magenta stripes; shade, rich moist soil, will stand some dryness if mulched. Medium-sized bulbs, 40¢ each; small bulbs, 25¢ each, 5 for \$1.00.
- JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE. Helianthus tuberosus. A sunflower, petals 3-in. broad; tall, average 6-7 ft. Dampish soil, full sun, tolerates some partial shade. Edible roots. Tubers 15¢ each, 8 for \$1.00.
- JOE-PYE-WEED. Eupatorium purpureum. Crimson-pink flower clusters at top of stem. A tall, common but handsome weed which deserves more cultivation; sun, damp to wet spots, will tolerate some shade. Medium plants, 40¢ each, 3 for \$1.10; larger, 50¢ each, 3 for \$1.25.
- LADYSLIPPER, PINK. Cypripedium acaule. Two large basal leaves, moccasin-shaped pink flower. Very acid soil, partial shade, prefers slightly moist woodland soil; difficult to transplant if habitat not just right. 50¢ each, 3 for \$1.25.
- MEADOW RUE, TALL. Thalictrum polygamum. Lacy leaves, white feathery flowers in clusters in July-August. Partial shade to full sun in moist soils. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.
- MINT, DOUBLE. Mentha sp. Lavender flowers; partial shade to full sun, garden soil, best in damp spots, but successful in garden soil. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- MINT, SPEARMINT. Mentha spicata. Pale purple flowers, July-Aug. Garden soil, but likes dampness. Sun to partial shade. Good in iced tea. 35¢ ea., 4 for \$1.00.
- MARSH MARIGOLD. Caltha palustris. Bright yellow, butter-cup type flowers in April-May. Large, round shiny leaves. Wet, rich soil, shade to open sun. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.
- PARTRIDGEBERRIES. Mitchella repens. Berries for winter bowls. Large. \$1.00 per bag.
- PIPSISSEWA, COMMON. Chimaphila umbellata. Small evergreen woodland plant with dainty, cream-colored waxy flowers. Acid, rich soil, shade to partial shade. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.

- PUSSYTOES. Antennaria, sp. Small plant, leaves ground-hugging, gray-green, good ground cover in dry to partial shady spots; especially good for filling between flagstones. 30¢ ea., 5 for \$1.00.
- RATTLESNAKE PLANTAIN. Epipactis sp. A wild orchid with tiny flowers up a spike, evergreen mottled leaves forming a basal whorl close to ground. Dry woods, acid to neutral soil, shade to partial shade. 60¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50.
- SOLOMON'S PLUME. False Solomon's Seal. Smilacina racemosa. Simple arching stem, with white flower-plume at top, becoming a cluster of red berries. Moist shady woods to partial shade. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.10.
- SOLOMON'S SEAL, TRUE. Polygonatum biflorum. Similar to above, but smaller and with bell-shaped flowers hanging under the leaves. Shady; in most soils if not too dry. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- STARFLOWER. Trientalis americana. Small, delicate woodland plant, one whorl of leaves and a bright white flower above. Not spectacular but no woodland garden is complete without it. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- SUNDEW. Drosera longifolia. A carnivorous bog plant, very small, leaves flat on ground, tiny blossoms up a stem to 4 inches or more. Prefers wet soil and full sun but tolerates partial shade. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- TANSY. Tanacetum vulgare. An old-fashioned ornamental herb, very aromatic leaves, tall, with button-like yellow flowers at tops of stems. Garden soil, full sun to partial shade. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- VIOLET, BIRDFOOT. Viola pedata. Pale blue to lilac with orange to red centers, deeply cut leaves. Dry, sandy soil, open sun but tolerates some shade. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.
- VIOLET, BLUE. Viola, sp. Large-leaved, many blue flowers. Garden soil to dampish situations, partial shade. 40¢ each, 3 for \$1.10.
- VIOLET, SMOOTH YELLOW. Viola scabriuscula. A taller, branching violet plant, yellow blossoms, forming attractive dense clusters. Shady to partial shade, moist woods, tolerates some dryness. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- VIOLET, WHITE. Viola blanda. Early blossoming, April-May, sweet scented small flowers. Leaves expand during early summer. Prefers damp to wet soil and shade, but will grow in drier and sunnier situations.
- WILD GERANIUM. Geranium maculatum. Pale to deep magenta-pink flower, plant to 2 ft. tall; shady to partial shady woods, moist woodland soil. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.
- WINTERGREEN. Checkerberry. Gaultheria procumbens. Small, evergreen woodland plant, tiny white bell flowers turn into red berries. Both berries and leaves edible. Acid, rather dry soil in shade to partial shade. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25.
- WOOD SORREL. Oxalis acetosella. A dainty woodland plant with regular sorrel leaves, but the flower is white with pink stripings. Damp, acid soil in shade or semi-shade. 60¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50.

Wildflowers which will be available in the spring: Wood Anemone, Red Baneberry, Bloodroot, Blue Cohosh, Cardinal Flower, Crinkleroot, Downy Yellow Violet, Foam-flower, Groundnut, Mitrewort, Spotted Pipsissewa, one or two of the Trilliums, Round-leaved Violet.

WILD SWAMP ROSE. Rosa Carolina. A small shrub with showy, fragrant single-petal roses 3-inches broad. Damp soils, open sun. \$1.00 each.

FERNS

BRACKEN. Pteridium latiusculum. A common fern found in poor to good woodland soil; either sun or shade. Can be used where other plants fail to thrive. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.

CHRISTMAS. Polystichum acrostichoides. An evergreen woodland fern, rocky shaded hillsides, acid to neutral soil. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50.

CINNAMON. Osmunda cinnamomea. One of our larger ferns, with cinnamon-colored spore stalks arising from center. Damp rather rich soil, in shade, but will grow in sunnier places. 60¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50.

GRAPEFERN, CUTLEAF. Botrychium dissectum. Small, inconspicuous fern, single leaf stem to almost a foot high, with lacy-cut leaf. Spore stem separate, present most of summer. 75¢ each. Partial shade to open pasture land.

HAY SCENTED. Dicksonia. Dicksonia punctilobula. 1 to 3 ft. Pale green, feather soft, fragrant. Common in sunny areas and open woodland spots, and among rocks. 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.

INTERRUPTED. Osmunda claytoniana. A large fern, up to 5 ft., but usually 2-3 ft. The fruiting pinnae occur near the middle of a frond. 60¢ ea., 3 for \$1.50. Same habitat as Cinnamon Fern.

LADY FERN. Athyrium angustum. Attractive common woodland fern, seen also by roadsides; from sunny places to shady woods. 50¢ ea., 3 for \$1.25. Smaller ones, 35¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.

POLYPODY. Polypodium virginianum. A small evergreen fern which forms a mat over rocks. Shade to partial shade. 50¢ per plant, 3 for \$1.25.

ROYAL. Osmunda regalis. Leaflets look like locust tree leaves. From small to 4 ft. Wet soil, grows best in shade but will tolerate sun. 50¢ for small plants, 75¢ for large ones.

SENSITIVE FERN. Onoclea sensibilis. A very common but attractive fern which will grow almost anywhere. 40¢ ea., 3 for \$1.00.

HERBS

Beginning about August 1, green herbs will be available at 25¢ per envelope. For use in stews, salads, roasts, etc. No mail orders taken this year, for herbs. It is hoped that the following will be ready by that date; expect a larger variety next year.

Sweet Basil, Purple Basil, Burnet, Sweet Cicely, Horehound, Sweet Marjoram, Parsley (by the bunch), Summer Savory, Tarragon and Garden Thyme. Some Lavender and Pennyroyal available.

MISCELLANEOUS

WHITE-PINE CONES. 5¢ each. Special rates for large numbers.

For Dish Gardens:

Reindeer Moss. 2 clumps for 25¢.

British Soldiers Lichen. 2 clumps for 25¢.

Bracket Fungi, variable sizes. Small, 2 for 5¢; medium 5¢ each; Large, 10¢ each or 3 for 25¢.

TO THOSE HAVING PLANTS SHIPPED

The only guarantee is where plants are damaged in shipping; a report of this must be made at the time the plants are received. It is impossible to guarantee what a customer will do in choosing a habitat, so no responsibility can be assumed after the plants have been planted.

Fall season begins early in September, and ends when the ground freezes. Mulch plants for the winter.

All shipped plants will have a certificate of inspection whenever required by State laws.

Postage is paid on orders of \$2.50 or more. For orders less than \$2.50 add 25¢ extra for postage. For large ferns, add 25¢ extra for each fern; there will be some refund on this where the situation warrants it.

Don't plant any deeper than the soil line on the plants; leave tops of crowns of ferns exposed above the ground level.

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